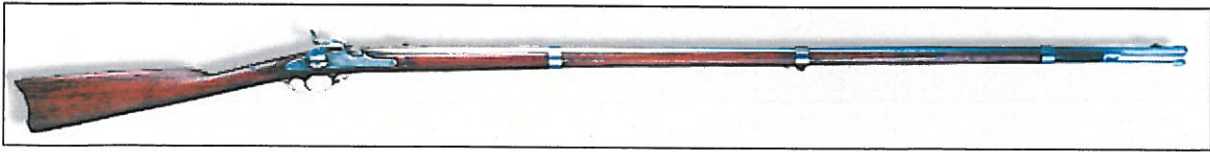


# The Supplies of a Civil War Soldier



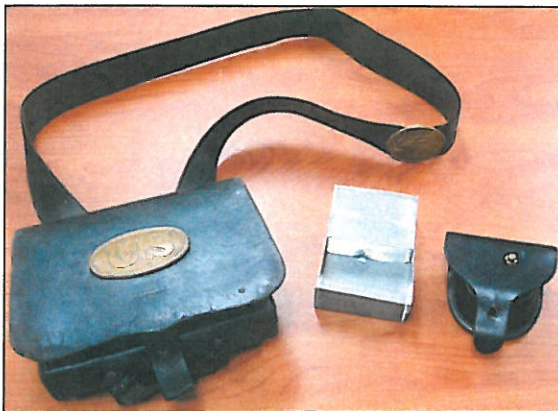
## **1861 percussion rifle-musket**

This Model 1861 was the standard rifle-musket used throughout the war. It was originally made by the Springfield Armory, but due to the need for more firearms, the U.S. government contracted with twenty private contractors. It is estimated that about one million Model 1861-type muskets were manufactured during the war.

## **Assorted bullets**



**Bayonet,** which was like a long knife that fit onto the end of a musket.



**Leather Pouch, Metal Cartridge Box, Percussion Cap Pouch** to carry ammunition.



**Utensils,** such as these were used on a daily basis for eating meals.



**Painted Canteen**, to carry water.



**Haversack**, to carry food and small items (it was made of linen with a three button flap)



**Knapsack**, also made of linen or canvas, painted to be waterproof. Extra clothes, shoes, playing cards, candles and other personal items were carried in it.



**Jacket**, also made of wool and was part of the uniform issued by the army upon enlisting.



### **Union soldier's housewife**

Generally rectangular in shape, of cloth or leather that could be folded and tied with cloth tape, the "housewife" contained needles, yarn, and a thimble for mending clothing. Soldiers were often sent off to service by their mothers, sisters, or sweethearts equipped with such an item, as it was general practice for enlisted men to attend to their own uniforms.